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Letter dated 19 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

- Mr. Rex Tillerson, the Secretary of State of the United States, during his address before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on 14 June 2017, stated that the policy of the United States towards Iran was "to work towards support of those elements inside of Iran that would lead to a peaceful transition of that Government", and added, "those elements are there, certainly as we know".
- This statement is a brazen interventionist plan that runs counter to every norm and principle of international law, as well as the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, and constitutes unacceptable behaviour in international relations.
- This statement is also a flagrant violation of the Algiers Accords of 1981 and other treaties to which the United States is a party. According to the Algiers Accords, "the United States pledges that it is and from now on will be the policy of the United States not to intervene, directly or indirectly, politically or militarily, in Iran's internal affairs".
- Interestingly, Mr. Tillerson's statement coincides with the release of newly declassified documents that further clarify how United States agencies were behind the overthrow of Mohammad Mossadegh, the popular and democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran, on 19 August 1953. That coup, backed by the Central Intelligence Agency, abruptly interrupted the path of Iran towards independence, democracy and development and imposed and upheld a 25-year long dictatorship that left deep scars on Iranian society and its collective conscience.
- It also came weeks after vibrant presidential and local elections in Iran, in which more than 71 per cent of the Iranian people participated. The people of Iran have repeatedly proven that they are the ones to decide their own destiny and thus attempts by the United States to interfere in Iranian domestic affairs will be doomed to failure. They have learned how to stand strong and independent, as demonstrated in the Islamic Revolution of 1979.
- The Iranian Government expects that all States will condemn such grotesque policy statements and advise the Government of the United States to act

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responsibly and to adhere to the principles of the Charter and international law.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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